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SUBJ: VISIT OF BRITISH PETROLEUM CHAIRMAN DRAKE

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BRITISH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR HAS PASSED ON FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO US REGARDING VISIT OF BRITISH PETROLEUM (B&P) CHAIRMAN SIR ERIC DRAKE TO MOSCOW JUNE 11-13. DRAKE HEADED TOP-LEVEL BP TEAM OF EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION EXPERTS WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS TO MAKE CONTACTS WITH SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE AND PETROLEUM INDUSTRY OFFICIALS LOOKING TOWARD FUTURE COOPERATION, RATHER THAN TO CONDUCT ANY SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS. COUNSELOR EXPLAINED THAT IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION BEHIND DRAKE'S DECISION TO VISIT MOSCOW AT THIS TIME WAS FACT THAT WHEREAS FOR YEARS UK HAS PLACED EMBARGO ON IMPORT OF SOVIET OIL, BRITISH ATTITUDE ON SUBJECT HAS NOW BECOME "MORE RELAXED" AND RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN DIRECT SALES OF SOVIET OIL TO THE UK. COUNSELOR ALSO STATED PROSPECTS ARE GOOD THAT BP WILL FIND BASIS FOR COOPERATION IN EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF SOVIET OFF-
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SHORE OIL RESERVES IN THE ARCTIC, PARTICULARLY IN BARENTS
AND KARA SEAS, WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO BE NORTHERN EXTENSION
OF TYUMEN FIELDS. HE INDICATED BP NOT INTERESTED IN OFF-
SHORE EXPLORATION IN EASTERN SIBERIA OR SAKHALIN AREAS.
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